



## DARING ASSUMPTIONS OF SLAVERY.

Extract from a spirited letter of WILLIAM H. HERNANDEZ, Esq. to the Editors of the Illinois Journal—

The very idea of slavery as a measure, is cruel enough, but it is now urged as a principle to be made nationally perpetual throughout the country. Here is the proof. The Honorable Senator from Indiana, Mr. PAXTON, said the eternal truths of the Declaration of Independence were "undermined." He is a Democrat—his speech is now in my hand. The Richmond *Enquirer* of 23d of January, 1855, says *Liberty is a failure*, says it ought to be prohibited—not to be extended to new people of coming generations. That is a Democratic speech; it, too, is now before me. Mr. George Fitzhugh in a work of his, published at Richmond, Va., in 1854, at page 283, says (his own words are used) "the common notion that liberty is good for man, is one of the most false and foolish that ever entered the human mind." He says it is a Democrat; this I do not doubt. His precious book is now on my table; a good Democratic book, this.

These are the *fixed ideas* that the Southern despots—oligarchs—have of the rights of man. This must be so, for there is no escaping a principle. Slavery is right, or it is wrong. If it is justice and right towards one race, so it is to another, and so it must be to all; but if it is wrong to one race, so it is to another, and so it must be to all. The South enslaves one race; so she must necessarily, if adopted as a principle, contend for the enslavement of some of the white race. This they do; and here on this free soil, this land of Jefferson, Franklin and Washington, we have Northern men and editors fusing, acting with and aiding these despots in their silently creeping, their audacious

SUNDAY.

The Convention assembled at Westminster Hall at 10 o'clock, the President, Dr. CLARKE, being in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Sophia L. Little.

Mr. GARRISON read selections from the New Testament.

The Committee on Business reported, by Mr. Garrison, the following resolutions:

Whereas, the *Daily Transcript*, of Saturday, (1) a wanton and malignant editorial attack is made upon this Convention, for attempting to help the millions of perishing bondmen at the South out of the pit of slavery and too far; but, Sir, the people have always been now occupied by the press, come into them; but we have still to say to you, God be with you, should we stop? Should we not stand, where would we be? Our whole great mass of the press, that, now, no man should be

spoke of the encouraging evidence in the distinct refusal to sustain the secret of that Society, I them, with tears in his eyes, and

from Messrs. May and Garrison, to meet in Westminster Hall

in the chair. Mr. Garrison, to those already present—

we can comprehend neither the moral philosophy of those who

of slavery simply one of

in the struggle to restore the

and, in the cry. No more than

slavery in fifteen slave States

in Congress, granting its

constitutional right to seize his fugitive

of the country, and upholding

compact.

we of no geographical

to be conceded, upheld, and tra

in one half of the Union

the Constitution, we no more

should not be fully concurred

Kansas and throughout the entire

the Southern slaveholders

on this subject, 30 minutes, north latitude

to be advoacted to the dissolution

it happens, (he asked), the

left, in form, to talk about

since been destroyed, not leaving

other? Solely because we of the

of the Slave Power; our marshals

have departed; and as the

god, so we have become idio-

Northern political party

against slavery and its extension

to preserve the Union, they ne

their own weakness to the South

making the Union paramount to

the in the balance when weight

we are love liberty. We will

yield up every thing, rather than

gives her the knowledge by which

subject. Shortly there all the

the Central America to be con-

and, half of Mexico may be

purpose—causing us to forget

to Kansas. It is no end to

as the preservation of a na-

paramount to the cause of lib-

erty compact be dashed in pieces,

man a slave? If we had any

to offset Southern pluck, how long

can? It exists solely because

bastards in every line pre-

destroy every thing, and other-

to their slave system. If the

on this example on her own, with

and subject to lynch law every

how long would there be any

? While the Union continues,

have every thing its own way, in

to have a glorious victory in Es-

on to suppose that Kansas is not

just too late! We have been

itself, which is now

rebellion. Slavery is certain

slaves are now carried there

vote with impunity.

July next, and that no free ob-

to put his foot upon the soil

pling under foot the Constitu-

ation from the North is greater

and, therefore, there will soon be

favor of freedom. But how we

to get at the bottom? They

the world: on the subject?

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